

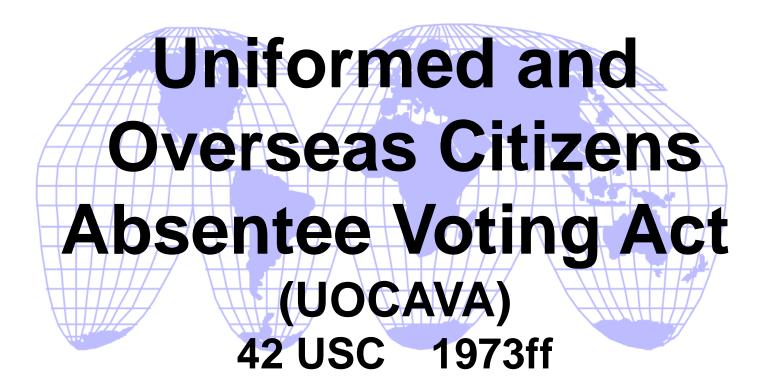
# Indiana Election Administrator's Conference



**December 1, 2009** 



#### Director, FVAP Administers the:





#### **Mission**

- FVAP exists to help uniformed services and overseas voters exercise their right to vote in federal elections so they have an opportunity equal to that of the general population to vote and to have that vote counted.
- FVAP serves as the voice of uniformed services and overseas voters, identifying impediments to their ability to exercise their right to vote, and proposing methods to overcome those impediments.



#### **UOCAVA Covers:**

#### More than Six Million Potential Voters

- 3.7 Million overseas civilians, not affiliated with the Government
- 1.4 Million military
- 1.3 Million military dependents of voting age
- 0.1 Million Federal civilian employees overseas



#### **MOVE Act**

#### Military and Overseas Voters Empowerment Act

#### Part of National Defense Authorization Act for 2010

- Requires ballots transmitted 45 days prior to election
  - Allows for DoD-granted waiver
- Requires Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) be authorized for all federal elections
  - Historically low usage reversing
  - FVAP developing new online "wizards" and training to further increase FWAB use
- Requires ballots transmitted electronically
  - Does not define electronic
    - Potentially allows fax nearly non-existent to most deployed military
    - Email or online posting
- Allows DoD to designate installation voting assistance offices as NVRA facilities



# UOCAVA protects absentee voting rights for Uniformed Services members, their families and all U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

- > Facilitate registration & voting for *UOCAVA* citizens
- Consult state and local election officials
- Prescribe absentee registration & ballot request form
- > Prescribe Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot
- Suggest design for state absentee ballot envelopes
- > Compile and distribute descriptive material on state absentee registration and voting procedures
- Conduct Post-Election Survey



- Required by UOCAVA after each presidential election.
- Representative sample of local election officials identified and provided with survey questions and tracking mechanisms in March 2008.
- Official Survey sent to these local election officials in November 2008.
- Asks for statistical information on military and overseas voters, voting participation and use of materials.



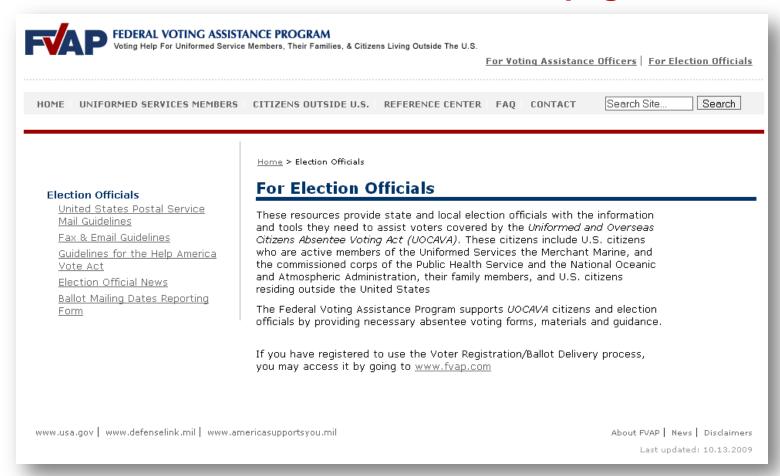
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#### **Local Election Officials Webpage**



http://www.fvap.gov/leo/index.html



#### **Voting Assistance Guide**







#### **Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)**

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Block 5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE. This is an optional

entry, however, this information is required by most states in order to vote in primary elections. Consult the Foring Assistance Guide for any specific state information required.

Block & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(1) Provide any information that may assist the local election official in approving this application. It would be helpful if you provide the date you form, last lived at the address in Block 3a and if you list a name and telephone Unit number of a local contact in the event the local election official cannot contact you and has a question concerning the application.

(2) If you were previously registered to vote in a jurisdiction other than the

one in which you are applying, indicate "previously registered in

(3) Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Pederal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a hallot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice in Block 6. (Depending on your state of residence, you may also receive hallots for State and local offices during

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(4) If your state provides a special state write-in ballot and you are requesting one, indicate the reason you are requesting a special write-in ballot or place a sticker from the Voting Assistance Guide in this section. Back T. AFFIRMATION. Ensure that you read the outh, sign, and enter the date you completed the form in the spaces provided. Net all crass require a wintest or notarry, and crass have vary regarding the voting of curviced felent. Council your rate section of the Vering Assistance ional convicted felon: Consult your state section of the Fating Assistance

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Printable on Available Card Stock forms

Available at: http://www.fvap.gov/leo/leocard.html



## State Voter Registration Verification Websites

Twenty-seven states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have web sites where a voter can check their registration status. Links are located at www.fvap.gov.





# Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

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MAX

Height Length 6 1/8 inches 11 1/2 inches

MIN

Height Length 3 1/2 inches

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#### **BALLOT TRANSMISSION ENVELOPE**

(Sample)

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- Use the USPS domestic mail manual (DMM) number when printing new envelopes – DMM 703.8.0
- Use machine printed address labels hand written addresses cannot be read by the automatic mail scanners
- Consult your Mail Piece Design Analyst at the USPS when using barcodes on the external envelope
- Use black ink on white paper
- Use Official Election Mail logo
- Pencils, paper clips, etc. may result in hand processing and delays
- Use the correct facing identification marks (FIM)
- Contact FVAP with any Postal issues regarding military and overseas voters



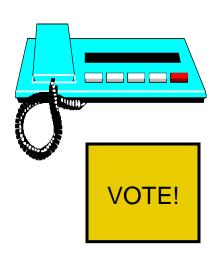
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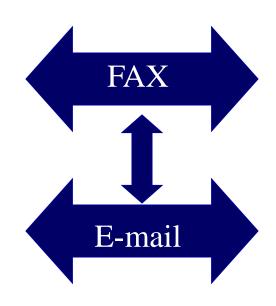
- > Send ballot out as early as possible
- Provide simple ballot marking and return instructions with absentee ballots
  - ► Include instructions to return voted ballot by Email or fax, where authorized
- ➤ Use the postage free mailing indicia you should not pay postage for UOCAVA citizens
- > Inform the voters when you receive their FPCAs
  - Use email or FVAP supplied postcard
  - ► Tell citizen when you will mail the absentee ballot



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